

KITTERY LETTER

Newsy Items From Across The River

FEBRUARY SESSION OF CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

Excellent Record Made By The At- lantic Shore Line

GOSSIP OF A DAY COLLECTED BY OUR CORRESPONDENT

Kittery, Feb. 6.
The February session of the Rockingham Christian conference, opened on Tuesday, will end today at the Second Christian Church. Despite the unfavorable weather conditions, there has been a good attendance and the sessions have been marked by interesting addresses and helpful discussions.

Following was the program of Tuesday:

Afternoon
Devotional, Rev. F. H. Gardner
Intercession.
"Jesus Christ, an Ideal Evangelist,"
Rev. M. D. Wolfe
"The Mission of the Church,"
"Evangelizing the Aliens,"
Sermon, Rev. Edgar Warren
Evening
Praise service.
Sermon, Rev. B. L. Hess
The program for today is given below:

Morning
Devotional.
"What the I. S. S. Association Has
Done to Promote Bible Study,"
Rev. D. H. Macy

"Methods of Interesting the Church
in Missionary Work," discussion
opened by Rev. J. H. Mugridge.
Sermon, Rev. J. A. Goss

Afternoon
Devotional.
"Progress of Evangelization,"
Rev. J. B. Fenwick
"Evangelistic Methods in the Sunday
School,"
Rev. Martin Hainer
"Evangelistic Methods in the Prayer
Meeting," Rev. Fred R. Champlin
Discussion on the above themes.
Sermon, Rev. C. P. Smith
Business.

Evening
Devotional.
Sermon, Rev. H. W. McCrone

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DAY OF HEARINGS

Committees Listen To Various Arguments

EXETER, HANOVER, DURHAM PLAN DISCUSSED

Special Legislation Without The Referendum Is Opposed

THE FREE PASS QUESTION RECEIVES SOME ATTENTION

(By The Herald's Staff Correspondent)

Concord, Feb. 6.—There is growing interest in the proposition to make Exeter, Durham and Hanover permanent no-license towns, although it is evident that the prevailing sentiment in those towns is not especially favorable.

The judiciary committee gave an-

other hearing on the question on Tuesday, listening to the arguments of three Exeter gentlemen.

Representative Stevenson said that since the previous hearing he had interviewed about sixty citizens of Exeter, including the selectmen, two members of the school board and many merchants and all expressed a desire to vote on the proposition. No license sentiment in Exeter is gaining, in the opinion of Mr. Stevenson, but on the permanent prohibition question he strongly favored a referendum clause.

Dr. Charles saw no reason why Exeter, Hanover and Durham should have special legislation not affecting other towns where there are educational institutions. If provision is made for a referendum, he thought that the vote should be taken at the next biennial election.

Gen. Gale also endorsed the referendum idea.

Free pass bill hearings were held by the committee on appropriations on Tuesday and there were also hearings before the committees on revision of statutes, banks and normal school.

Brief Sessions on Tuesday

Concord, Feb. 5.—Sessions of the Legislature today were very brief. Neither the House nor the Senate held afternoon sessions because of the funeral of Mrs. Gallinger and the morning sessions were not particularly busy.

Both houses passed resolutions expressing sympathy with Senator Gallinger in his bereavement.

In the House, the bills providing for the election of police and street and park commissioners for the city of Manchester by the people were reported "inexpedient to legislate."

The bill to enable a county to take land for public use was passed to its third reading, as was that amending the statutes relating to the powers of city councils and that amending the statutes in regard to allowances to wives. The same action was taken on the bill amending the charter of the New Hampshire and Vermont Methodist annual conference.

The measure providing for the state registration of nurses was called on a special order. In behalf of Mr. Madden of Keene, Mr. Fay of the same city withdrew the former's call for a division of the House, made last Thursday afternoon, and the ruling of the chair that the bill was passed on a viva voce vote stood. The bill was, therefore, passed and its title read.

Mr. Ahern of Manchester called for the Manchester election case, on another special order, but Speaker Ellis ruled that the time for the order had passed and that the matter must be regarded as unfinished business, to be considered Wednesday morning. Mr. Ahern of Concord moved that the unfinished business of Wednesday morning be made in order at once and the motion was carried. At the same time, he withdrew his opposition to the resolution giving the committee on elections power to investigate the Ward Five Manchester contested elections and the resolution was adopted.

The House adjourned at 11.50 until eleven o'clock Wednesday morning.

PORT OF PORTSMOUTH

Arrivals At and Departures From Our Harbor Feb. 6

Arrived
Schooner Maple Leaf (British), Capt. South Amboy for St. Andrews, N. B., with coal.
Schooner Fannie and Fay, Freeport, for Bar Harbor with coal, looking.
Schooner Centennial, Jamestown, Guttenberg for Eastport, with coal.
Schooner Mary Seward, Lew. Light, for Stoughton, Me., light.
Schooners Pontiac, Nickerson, Massasoit, Fowler, Nickerson, Aetor, Albert Gelger, Marlman, Dixie, Hodgdon, Fitz A. O. Oakes, Landry, Northern Eagle, McLeod, all fishing.
Sailed
Tug Lehigh, towing barges Eckley, Bath and Beverly, for Port Amboy (Saturday).
Northeast gale.

THE WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

(Special to The Herald)
Washington, Feb. 6.—Continued cold and diminishing northwest winds are indicated for Thursday.

Every Portsmouth theatregoer would like to see Frank Lator and his clever associates again.

GREAT DISASTER

Barely Averted At Mouth Of The Harbor

FANNIE AND FAY VERY NEARLY WRECKED

Big Three Masted Schooner Has Narrow Escape

LESS SUBSTANTIAL VESSEL WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST

One of the narrowest escapes from shipwreck in the history of the port was that of the three-masted schooner Fannie and Fay at the mouth of the harbor Tuesday morning.

While beating into the harbor she stranded on the southwest point of Wood Island at three o'clock. There was considerable sea on the time and the vessel pounded badly for an hour, when she was forced off by her sails with the rising tide.

Two hours after she floated the heaviest northeast gale and sea of the winter arrived, so that the vessel would have been smashed to kindling wood by the terrific seas which were nearly burying Wood Island from sight and sending the spray completely over Whalesback light-house.

After floating, the Fannie and Fay anchored close to the point, but owing to the thick snow storm her position was not discovered until Tuesday afternoon, when she was seen in a dangerous berth, rolling rails under and with a flag in her rigging.

In response to a message from Jerry's Point station the tug M. Mitchell Davis went out and towed her to Pepperrell's Cove. After reaching a safe anchorage, a bad leak developed in the schooner and her master will today communicate with her owners.

Once more the need of a lifesaving station on Wood Island, as well as a spar buoy off the point, is demonstrated.

The Fannie and Fay, Capt. Freeman, is bound from Port Amboy, N. J., to Bar Harbor, with a cargo of coal. She is of 233 gross tonnage, was built in 1885 at New London, Conn., and is owned by Samuel W. Gess of Stoughton, Me.

An older vessel might have broken up only from the pounding received on Wood Island, but the Fannie and Fay is considered a fine vessel. She is valued at \$6,000 and carries a crew of six men.

FUNERAL OF MRS. GALLINGER

Held on Tuesday Afternoon in Concord Church

The last sad rites over the body of Mrs. Mary A. Gallinger, wife of United States Senator Jacob A. Gallinger, who died suddenly in Washington Saturday night, were held in

"IS YOUR HOUSE WINDY?"

Thus Mrs. Gallinger inquired when Schmitt dropped on his knee, Look'd up in her face With his upturned grace. And asked her its mistress to be. That's my sine qua non— If on me you're so far gone As your homage would seem to imply. If that's not the case— Look me straight in the face— I'll tell you in the sweet by and by.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY LIGHT & POWER CO.

THE LICENSE LAW

Subject Of Many Bills In Legislature

NUMEROUS CHANGES NOW BEING CONSIDERED

Summary Of The Bills Of Greatest Interest

SOME AMENDMENTS FAVORED BY DIFF- ERENT REPRESENTATIVES

There are various propositions before the Legislature for changes in the license law. If all the proposed changes were approved, the law would be changed almost beyond recognition.

Representative Wood of this city wishes to give licensees and sureties on bonds the right to appeal from judgments of forfeiture and to trial by jury.

Mr. Wesley of Dover wants to make minors who falsify their ages in order to secure intoxicating liquors liable to a fine of \$25, imprisonment for not more than twenty days or both.

Mr. Sawyer of Woodstock wishes to make the drinking of liquors in public places or conveyances a punishable offense, with a fine of \$20 or imprisonment for six months for the second offense.

Mr. Philbrick of Rochester seeks to make all cities permanent license places, unless at least thirty-five percent of the voters petition for the right to vote not less than twenty days before biennial elections.

Mr. Dano of Newport would prevent the acceptance of wholesale dealers in and manufacturers of liquors, their agents or stockholders in wholesale or manufacturing firms

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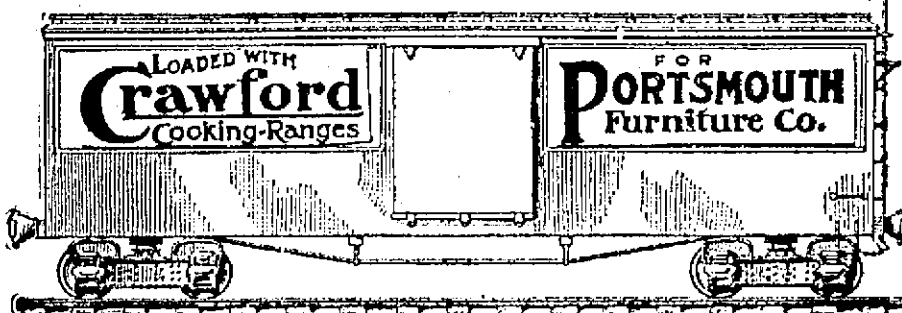
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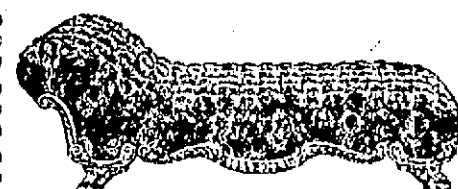
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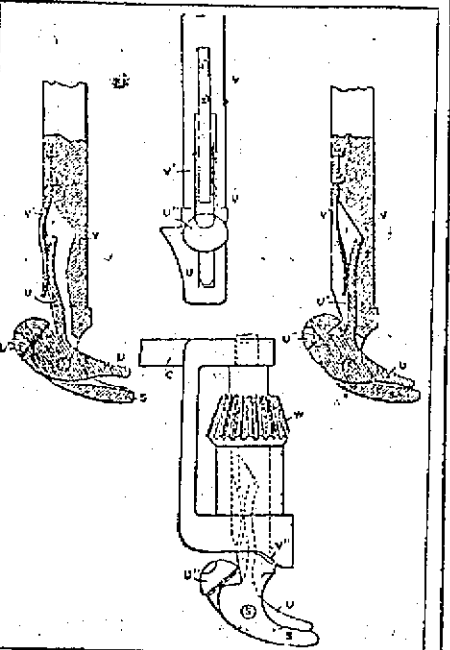
SCIENCE AND INVENTION.

EVOLUTION OF AN INVENTION.

Simple Way in Which the Knot-Tying Part of Harvester Was Developed.

The popular idea that an inventor must be a heaven-born genius, that the faculty of inventing can not be cultivated, and that inventions are made spontaneously by their inventors and wholly out of their imagination, is pronounced a delusion by Edwin I. Prindle, in a paper read before the American Institute of Electrical Engineers at Milwaukee, Wis. Said Mr. Prindle:

"It is undoubtedly true that every inventor must have some inventive or



Essential Parts of the Cord Knotter.

creative faculty; but this faculty may be greatly assisted by knowing how. While reasoning can not constitute the whole of the inventive act, it can so to speak, clear the way for it and render it easier of accomplishment.

"Most of all, inventions are an evolution from some previously invented form. The mind always thinks of the unknown in terms of the known."

"This evolution of an invention is more or less logical, and is often worked out by logical processes to such an extent that the really creative work is greatly reduced as compared with what it would be if done by the imagination alone. Edison is quoted as saying: 'Any man can become an inventor if he has imagination and pertinacity'; that 'invention is not so much inspiration as perspiration.'"

The speaker then explained how he conceived three typical inventions had been evolved. To quote The Sentinel's abstract:

"The first of these was the first automatic valve gear for the steam engine, the invention of a boy, Humphrey Potter. The second example was that of a machine known as the calculagraph, which is used for calculating and recording the charge on most of the toll telephone messages in the United States. It will automatically subtract the time of day when the message began from the time of day when it ceased, and record the elapsed time, and will do this on the one machine for any number of overlapping messages. The third example was the evolution of the knot-tying parts of a self-binding harvester. The speaker showed how the inventor first chose a simple form of knot and then studied the tying of it with his hands until he had devised a way by which he could tie it with the use of only two fingers of one hand. One of the fingers had a simple rotary movement with the arm, and the other finger had, beside the rotary movement, a simple opening and closing movement toward and away from the first finger, to grasp the cord at a certain period in the revolution. Mr. Prindle went through these operations with his own fingers and tied knots to illustrate these notions. With this exhaustive and ingenious consideration of his problem the inventor had only a simple piece of mechanism to produce to accomplish his purpose. The mechanism really only consisted of two mechanical fingers on a shaft, and a cam for working the clamping finger."

How Animals Doctor Themselves.

Man might often take from the lower animals a lesson as to the care of himself when ill. All sorts of animals suffering from fever eat little, lie quiet in dark, airy places, and drink quantities of water. When a dog loses his appetite he knows where to find cholerid—dog-grass—which acts as a purgative and emetic. Sheep and cows, when ill, seek certain herbs. Any animal suffering from chronic rheumatism keeps as far as possible in the sun. If a chimpanzee be wounded he has been seen to stop the bleeding by a plaster of chewed-up leaves and grass.

American Sewing Machines.

Over 10,000 patents have been taken out on sewing machines. American sewing machines are now sold in every country in the world. They are used for all manner of purposes, for making boots and shoes, awnings, tents and sails, and some of them have an 18 foot bed. Some machines are made for sewing carpet and can sew as much carpet as 100 hand sewers. They are also used to make bags, corsets, hats, caps, gloves, mittens, pocketbooks, saddlery and harness.

NEW ROTARY GAS MOTOR.

Invention Which Is Liable to Revolutionize Motor Car Building.

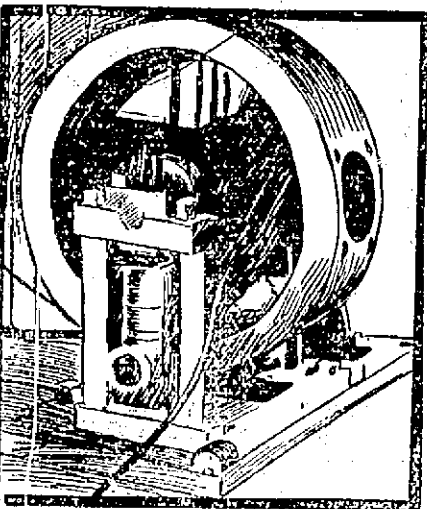
What is pronounced by leading gas engine experts to be the acme of gas engine construction has just been attained by John J. Hogan, a modest and practical mechanical engineer of New York city, in the invention and successful construction of a rotary gas engine, which by its simplicity, its inexpensive construction and the small space which it occupies, combined with its great power, is certain to revolutionize not only the construction and the price of automobiles and power boats, but all sorts of methods of supplying power where engines of intricate and cumbersome construction and great price are impractical, says the New York Herald.

For years Mr. Hogan has watched the development of the automobile and the power boat. He has spent no end of time in the construction and operation of gas propelled vehicles, yet he has never been satisfied. And just when the automobile manufacturers, who have expended millions in trying to solve the problem of simplifying and perfecting the construction and operation of the propellers that are sending the automobiles whizzing through city streets and over country roads, have seemingly reached their limit, he has evolved the "little giant," which engineers say is destined to do what automobile and power vehicle manufacturers have sought for years to accomplish.

So simple and compact is the motor that the observer involuntarily speaks his amazement at the possibility of its power and effectiveness. Occupying a space which makes it easily portable in an ordinary grip sack and weighing but 68 pounds, the engine can be easily transported by a person of ordinary strength. Within the fly wheel which is but twelve inches in diameter, are contained the cylinder, the piston, the crank and all the mechanism with the exception of the little carburetor which supplies the mixture of gas and air. And this with the lubricating oil cup, also outside, could easily be contained in one's two hands.

Yet when the mixture of gasoline and air was supplied and the fly wheel started by a turn of the hand, the little engine showed something of its power as it became a thing of action. Contained within its small space when the small fly wheel revolves is energy measured at eight and two-tenths horsepower. This was measured accurately by the application of a brake, and left no doubt in the mind of the observer as to the possibilities of the wonderful little machine.

The motor is so constructed that the explosions of the mixture of gas



The Rotary Gas Motor.

and air cause the cylinder and the other parts to rotate around a stationary crank shaft at the center of the fly wheel. The operation of the engine is such that the shock, which has been a problem to gas engine constructors, is absorbed and the vibration is therefore reduced to a minimum. This makes the engine more practicable, for the uses to which it will be put, than the present bulky motors.

TO RESHARPEN OLD FILES.

Treatment Which Will Make Them Almost as Good as New.

Clean the files thoroughly, using a brush and a strong solution of washing soda in hot water, then wash off the soda with hot water.

Prepare a bath of one part nitric acid to four parts of water contained in an earthen vessel. Sort and grade the files according to fineness and immerse those of each grade in the bath. The finer files should be left in the bath about a minute, and the coarser cuts five or six minutes, says the Metal Worker. After the acid bath, wash the files in hot water, dry, and grease them while still warm with vasoline.

In preparing the acid bath, cautions Popular Mechanics, pour the acid into the water very slowly, as the heat action is great.

Showed Big Saving.

A writer in the American Machinist stated recently that a steam pipe of six inches to eight inches diameter was covered with a wooden box of 12 inches diameter which was filled with a sawdust mortar, one barrel of lime to five of sawdust. Before covering the pipe—nearly 750 feet in length—it condensed 1,440 pounds of water hourly; after covering it condensed 135 pounds hourly.

New Tunnel Route.

A new tunnel route, is proposed connecting New York, Brooklyn and Hoboken, to be used by steam roads seeking entrance to New York.

INDUSTRY & MECHANICS

UTILIZING WASTE GASES.

Economy Practiced in Germany Is Yet to Be Learned in This Country.

In Germany a revolution is in progress in the direction of the replacing of steam driven machinery by gas engines, which consume the gases escaping from blast furnaces and coke ovens, such utilization of power having already been applied to about one-half of the coke producing capacity of Germany.

The economy which is being so generally practiced in Germany is almost unknown in this country, as it is in Great Britain, but the British having begun economy in Wales, it is to be presumed that the coal and coke plants of the United States will not lag behind in this progressive movement. The utilization of the enormous horsepower now going to waste in this country, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat, would add much to the national wealth and cheapen one of the most generally used products of the country. Mr. Rossi, an American engineer, has estimated that the power

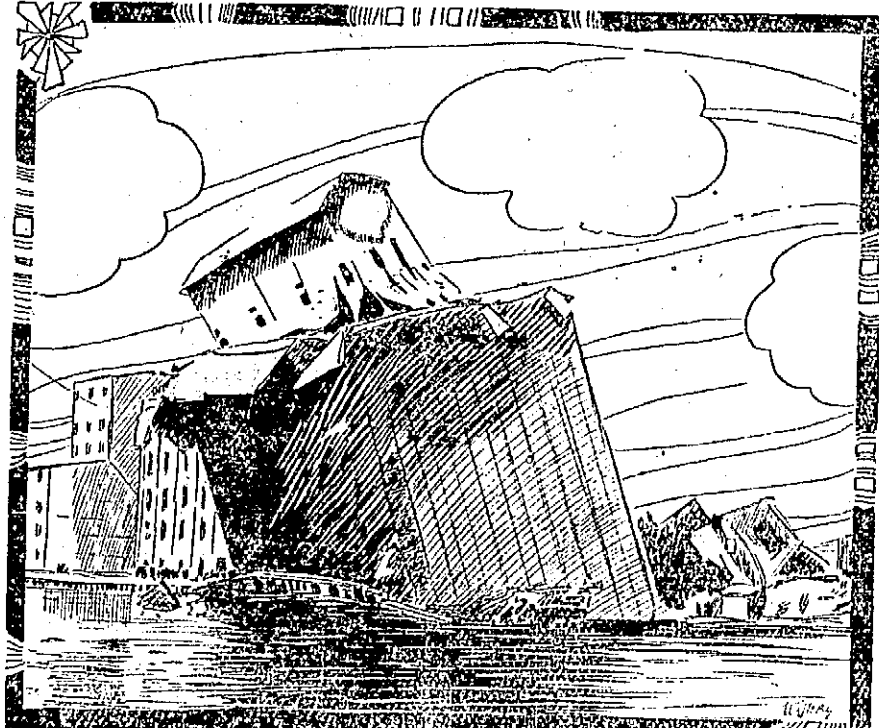
which could be saved in the metallurgical industries of the United States must amount to some millions of horsepower, and he believes that an output of fully one million horsepower could be maintained continuously.

In converting the millions of tons of coal turned annually into coke in this country one-fifth of the weight goes off in the form of escaping gases, of which experiments have shown that about one-fourth could be used in gas engines. In the operation of blast furnaces Mr. Rossi calculates that from 30 to 35 horsepower could be obtained from the gases which escape in the manufacture of a single ton of pig iron, and when either of these figures is multiplied by the tonnage of pig iron annually manufactured in this country it will be seen that the waste is enormous.

A Bottle Machine.

Fourteen years ago a bottle manufacturer, Claude Boucher, in Cognac, France, was forced to close his factory by the continuous strikes and exactions of his employees. He set to work to invent a machine for the manufacture of bottles. This machine is now in use in various parts of the country; 250,000 bottles are turned out by it daily. A single machine produces 35,000 bottles in 24 hours; and anyone can learn to run it in a week. The bottles are stronger and look better than those made by the blowers.

Elevator 190 Feet High That Fell Into River.



An unusual accident occurred at Ft. William, Ontario, when the mammoth elevator, 190 feet high and filled with over half a million bushels of grain, slid into the river. The elevator is of the modern steel tank and steel frame construction, which prevented its total collapse and enabled the saving of a considerable part of the contents. The Grain Dealers' Journal says:

Dredging of the river bed and the wash of the stream in front of the elevator weakened the piling at that point, depriving the concrete of its support, and the house being loaded to full capacity, the sliding into the river was a natural result. The building slid 40 feet towards the river, and stands in 30 feet of water. It will have to be torn down for reconstruction. The loss is \$500,000.

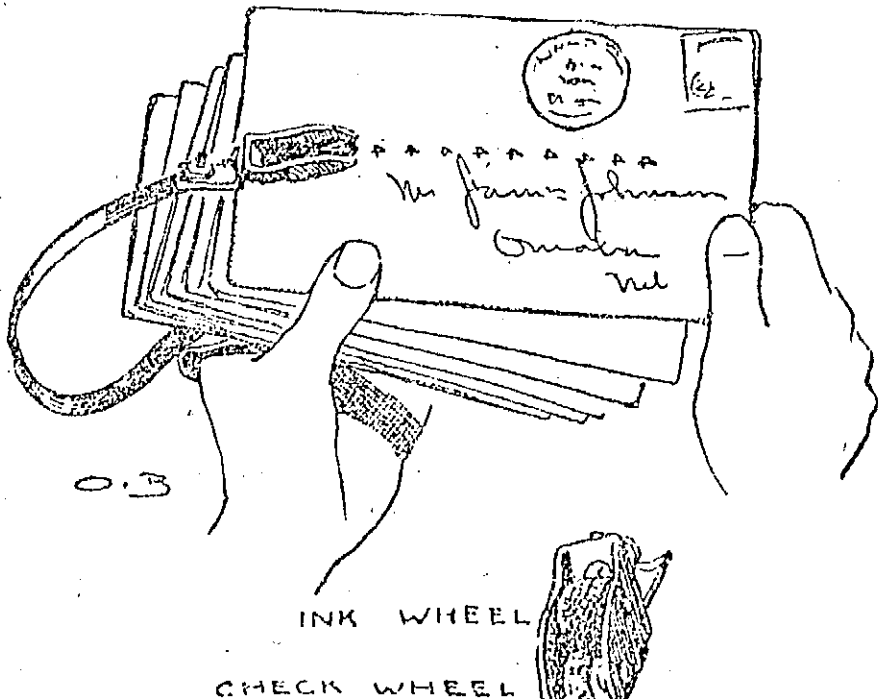
Automatic Checking Device for Letters.

Canada has the only post office in the country that can trace errors in the distribution of mail in such a way that the clerk who makes the mistake can be identified. This is done through a device invented by J. P. Connor, an Omaha man, who has been a mail clerk in the local office for 19 years.

It is an implement which will probably be used by the post office department throughout the country exactly as it is used in Omaha at the present time. As soon as the patent papers

happened to be there. The check always leaves its mark, no matter how fast the letters are distributed. The great advantage of it is that it does not in the least impede the distribution of mail into the cases. However, the check is only used upon letters.

Although the device is comparatively simple, it required ten years to develop it. Mr. Connor originally experimented with a check attached to the thumb of the left hand. This marked the letters effectively, but as the thumb is much used in distributing mail, a check of that character



Automatic Checking Device for Letters.

are issued, the value of the "error check" will be demonstrated to the post office general, although numerous attempts have been made to invent a similar device, there was never one before that worked satisfactorily.

This one, explains the Omaha World-Herald, is so light that a clerk scarcely knows it is upon his hand. As he takes up a pack of letters the check falls into place upon the top envelope, and as a letter is pulled out to go flying into the distributing case, it carries a streak across it. This streak is a line of figures. If the number of the clerk is four, then the streak across the envelope will be a line of fours. Each clerk has a certain color of ink—blue for No. 1, green for No. 2, purple for No. 3 and so on.

People who have seen colored figures across the face of a letter have often wondered how this odd tracery

made it impossible to "throw mail" with any degree of speed. In the improved implement, attached to the hand like a cork hushing peg, all of the former difficulties have been overcome.

The circular arm which holds the check in place upon the pack of letters is made of a clock spring. The marking wheel is like a small pulley with two small pieces of aluminum to hold it in place. The inkling pad is another small wheel, which turns as the marking wheel turns.

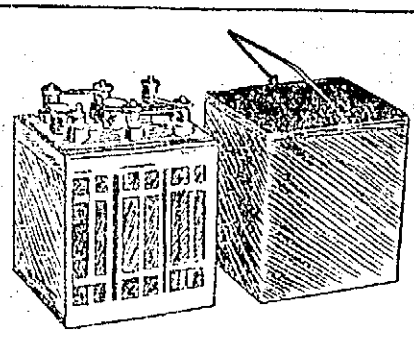
"On this check," said Mr. Connor, "I have worked six months, and while the workmanship on it is rather crude, it works with the perfection of a watch. Ten years ago I was hoping to invent an error check, but it is only recently that I accomplished what I set out to invent."

THE ELECTRICAL WORLD

FOR MOTOR CARS.

A New Improved Light-Weight Ignition Storage Battery.

Our illustration shows the general appearance of a new light-weight ignition cell put up in celluloid jars by



Improved Light-Weight Ignition Storage Cells. (Voltage, 6; Ampere Hours, 25; Weight, 12 Pounds.)

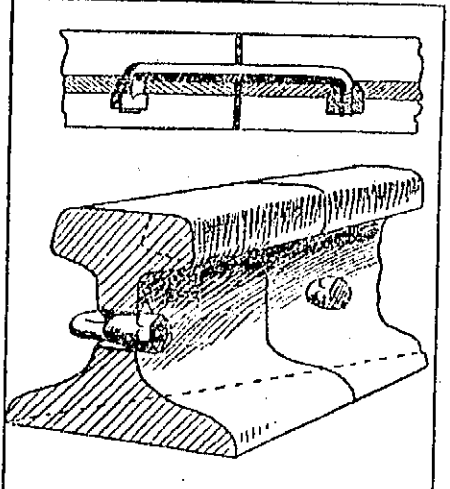
A New York company. The battery illustrated consists of three 5-plate cells having a total capacity of 25 ampere-hours and furnishing a total of six volts. The cells and containing case complete weigh only 12 pounds, which is extremely light for a battery of this voltage and capacity, says the Scientific American. The battery shown was constructed especially for use on a flying machine, but the greatest sphere of usefulness for cells of this kind is on automobiles. Not only are these batteries of about half the weight for the same capacity of cells used heretofore, but the plates are constructed after a special process which gives them great porosity and a long life. They can be charged and discharged a large number of times, and at a high rate, without injury, and what is more important with an ignition cell, they can be left standing in a discharged condition for a long time without any loss of capacity. In other words, abuse of this character, which would completely ruin some of the light-weight foreign ignition cells, will cause no perceptible difference in the efficiency of this improved battery. The capacity, unlike that of most ignition accumulators, is fully equal to the rating.

Two 50-ampere-hour cells giving four volts, for example, weigh only 16 pounds, and yet they will be found sufficient to run a four-cylinder car at least 1,200 miles. Comparing these figures with those of other ignition cells, it will be seen that, durability aside, the battery is a decided advance over what has been done before as regards light weight.

IMPROVED RAIL BOND.

Method by Which a Firmer Electrical Contact Is Secured.

A patent has recently been secured by Edwin W. Robinson, of Panau-



An Improved Rail Bond.

lawney, Pa., on an improved rail bond for electric railways. The new bond is arranged to insure an exceedingly firm electrical connection between adjacent rails, and in a very simple and economical manner.

The invention will be clearly comprehended by a glance at the accompanying engraving, says the Scientific American. It comprises a conductor in the form of a rod, which is bent to enter holes in the webs of two adjacent rails. The ends of the rod are threaded to receive a pair of nuts, which enter the holes in the webs. The nuts are formed with frusto-conical ends, and as the nuts are screwed up on the rod, they not only draw the rod into close contact with the webs of the rails, but also wedge their frusto-conical ends tightly into the holes in the webs. This insures an exceedingly good electrical connection between the adjacent rails. It will be evident that the new rail bond can be applied to rails as now constructed.

Electrical Diving Rod.

An electrical diving rod, claimed to operate more certainly and scientifically than the ancient and dishonored twigs, has been devised by Adolph Schmid, a Swiss engineer. It seems to consist essentially of a glass-covered box enclosing a coil of insulated wire in which a slightly magnetized needle is free to rotate over a graduated dial. When the apparatus is lowered over subterranean water, with the axis of the coil in the magnetic field, the needle, it is asserted, indicates more or less rapidly for two to ten and even up to 50 degrees.

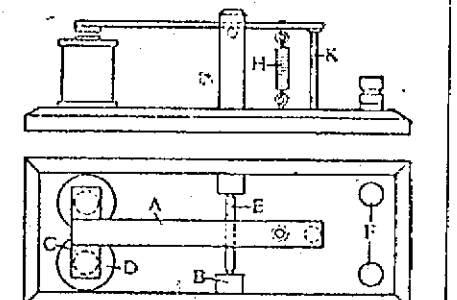
TELEGRAPH KEY AND SOUNDER

How the Complete Outfit Can Be Made by the Amateur.

The sounder, Fig. 1, is made from an old electric bell magnet, D, fastened to a wooden base. The lever, A, can be made of brass and the armature, C, is made of iron. The pivot, E, is made from a wire nail and is soldered to A. It should be filed to a point at each end so as to move freely in the bearings, B, which are pieces of hard wood.

The spring, H, is fastened at each end by pins, bent as shown, and should not be too strong or the magnet will be unable to move the armature. The stop, K, is a wire nail driven deep enough in the base to leave about one-eighth-inch between the armature and the magnet. The binding posts, F, can be taken from old dry batteries and are connected to the two wires from the magnet by wires run in grooves cut in the base.

The base of the key, Fig. 2, is also made of wood, says Popular Mechanics, and has two wooden bearings, E, which are made to receive a pivot, similar to the one used in the sounder. The lever of the key is made of brass and has a hardwood knob, A, fastened near the end. A switch, D, connects with the pivot at F and can



Sounder—A, brass; B, wood; C, soft iron; DD, coils wound with No. 26 wire; E, nail soldered on A; FF, binding posts; H, spring.

be either made from sheet brass, or taken from a small one-point switch. The binding posts are like those of

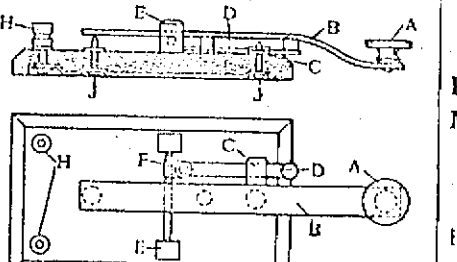


Fig. 2. Key—A, wood; B, brass or iron soldered to nail; C, brass; D, brass; E, wood; F, connection of D to nail; HH, binding posts.

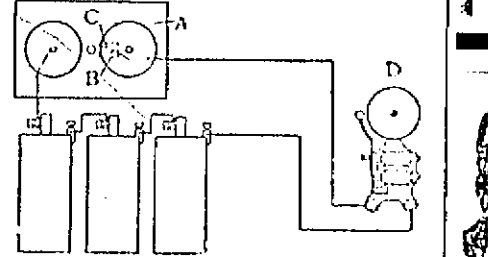
the sounder, and are connected to the contacts, K, by wires run in grooves cut in the wood.

EXTENSION CALL BELL.

How the Ring of the Telephone Can Be Carried Some Distance.

In many shops, where the telephone is in the office and the proprietor spends a great part of the time in the shop, the telephone often rings repeatedly without being answered, as there is nobody within hearing distance. In many cases of this kind an extension call bell, such as is shown in the sketch, could be used to advantage.

The telephone bell, A, is fitted with a piece of hard rubber, B, having a metal contact, C, which is placed so that the hammer will strike it and make contact. Part of the gong may be cut away to do this, or if necessary, the whole gong may be removed. The other gong is connected to one side of the battery, and the other side connects to an electric bell, D, which can be placed in any desired location. If the bell does not work well, short circuit the interrupter. This will not prevent it from vibrating, as the current is intermittent, being interrupted at C, and if the in-



Arrangement of the Wires.

terruptions at C and D are not in unison the result will not be good.

I have one of these bells in use at the present time, says a correspondent of Popular Mechanics, and find it a great convenience.

AN ELECTRICITY THIEF.

Case Where a Householder Secured Enough Current to Light His House.

"Electricity thieves crop up now and then," said an electrician to the reporter of the Philadelphia Bulletin. "Our last case was a man who had lighted his whole house with stolen electricity for six months."

"Next door to this man was a big factory that used 1,000 lights a night. The man bored a hole through a partition, inserted a wire, tapped the factory's current and helped himself helpfully to illumination."

"We lost nothing. The factory paid, of course, for the electricity stolen from it. The theft wasn't discovered till some time after the thief had moved away."

Steel Plate Sky-Scraper.

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SENATE CHANGES

There will be an unusual number of changes in the United States Senate on March 2. The death of Senator Alger of Michigan, who passed away last month, will not, however, cause a change as he had previously declined reelection and William A. Smith, a former member of the lower branch of Congress, will represent Michigan in his seat.

Reelection of United States senators has in most of the states ceased to be taken as a matter of course, and few were in this respect so successful as Frye of Maine, Crane of Massachusetts, Burnham of New Hampshire, Bacon of Georgia, Cullom of Illinois and Pettus of Alabama.

Blackburn of Kentucky, Allee of Delaware, Barry of Arkansas, Benson of Kansas, Clark of Montana—whom we can very well afford to do without—Dubois of Idaho, Millard of Nebraska and Patterson of Colorado must all give way to new men. It now looks as if Wetmore of Rhode Island would also be included in the list.

The Exeter News-Letter says: "Senator Dryden's successor is likely to be Frank O. Briggs, formerly of Hillsborough Bridge, and a graduate of Exeter and West Point. Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, whose defeat would have been viewed with equanimity, has been returned."

The News-Letter surely doesn't mean that about our old friend Tillman. Tillman is indispensable. Without him, the Senate might never be heard of, and he adds much to the safety of nations. Many a surgeon from the dull round of daily care is due to Senator Tillman and The Herald hopes he will represent South Carolina as long as he lives, and may that be many years.

A PERSUASIVE VOLUME

Ex-Governor Batchelder's 1907 edition of "New Hampshire Farms for Summer Homes" is handsome enough and written persuasively enough to attract several would-be governors and senators to locate in the state before another election.—Exeter News-Letter.

What the News-Letter says about the volume is certainly all true, and everyone admires the famous ex-governor's handiwork.

Inasmuch as a good suggestion never mars praise, we hope that in the next edition the name of the views be more generally appended.

Names are to pictures what prices are to goods,—just half the attraction.

Otherwise the book apparently lacks nothing to make it attractive.

BIRDS' EYE VIEWS

Fle, Mr. Groundhog.

No weather prophet you;

Next time you prophesy,

Try to hit it true.

It's time to ring off the jokes on the Thaw trial.

Scientists say no man ever committed murder while smoking. And it isn't probable that any man ever

did while drinking, but what does it show?

After the Panama canal is completed what will they do with the "chinks?"

A Pennsylvania dog catcher committed suicide the other day. Most of them in this section of the country died long ago.

Bloodhounds and automobiles for the Omaha police,—that's a combination calculated to make others besides criminals shudder.

In order to bid on Panama Canal work, the bidder must have five million dollars available capital. That shuts us out.

The new press agent for the Standard Oil concern is a New York newspaper man. When he gets through, he will be an ex-press agent.

An Illinois man is said to have killed himself by eating a pound of Limburger cheese. Probably what killed him was being unable to get anything to go with it.

The New York weather bureau man says weather predicting is not a science. No, nescience is the word that would seem to apply better to most weather predicting by so-called experts.

The German soldier is treated like a dog. If there ever should be a war between this country and Germany, as has been so frequently predicted by high authorities, he would look like a whipped cur.

The phraseology used in the Thaw case leads one to ask why the prosecuting attorney's side should be called "the people's case." Justice is what the people want and justice is not always the conviction of the accused.

OUR EXCHANGES

California And Japan

If we are bound to have a war And fight the sassy Japs, Why then we give the contract to Those California chaps?

They seem to be the only ones Who are raising all the muss, While all the other commonwealths Don't seem to care a cuss.

They've got the greatest State out there On ours or any map, And war material in heaps To overcome the Japs.

Take prunes, for instance—just that one, Omitting all the rest; In prunes the Golden State may put Her valor to the test.

She needn't load a single gun, But arm herself with spoons, And seizing all invading Japs, Just fill them full of prunes.

When anybody's full of prunes, As everybody knows, He isn't any good at all; And so the battle goes.

Prunes, California conquering prunes! Then let the slogan be, From Sacramento to the coast; In prunes is victory!

Afterward

But if by chance the prunes run short And Japs should get the drop, Resourceful California may Hand them her lemon crop.

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The town of Salem, N. H., is on hand shedding and all on account of the race track at Rockingham Park. True it has one of the best race tracks in New England, representing



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An investment of three-fourths of a million dollars, but the New England Breeders' Club is practically bankrupt and cannot pay taxes. Anybody who has use for a grandstand capable of seating 10,000 people, twenty-seven stables with accommodations for 500 horses, a club house, two running tracks, with all fixtures and equipments, could probably get such an outfit at a bargain at Salem.—Bridford Journal.

He's The Wrong Font

Swettenham is a type, remarks the Woodsville News. Maybe; but if so, he has pled himself seriously.—Concord Monitor.

Pole's Needed

Governor Polk of Missouri has been in danger of pneumonia, but is better. That is good. He cannot be spared just yet. There is more work for him to do in the suppression of graft and boodle.—Portland Press.

Denouncing It, Of Course

It is true a great many public speakers, clergymen and others, are denouncing child labor, but what are they doing to help abolish it?—Boston Journal.

A Common Complaint

Senator Dryden has retired from the contest for reelection in New Jersey, assigning ill health as the reason. A long distance diagnosis marks the ailment as a case of cold feet.—Haverhill Gazette.

No Groundhog Prediction

You can rest assured that there will be less bad weather this month than there was in January. There are three fewer days in February.—Lowell Mail.

SEN. DOLLIVER'S BIRTHDAY TODAY

Jonathan P. Dolliver, whom Iowa has just re-elected to the United States Senate, was born near Kingswood, W. Va., Feb. 6, 1858. He was graduated in 1875 from the West Virginia University and was admitted to the bar in 1878, after his removal to the West. The first few years of his residence in Iowa were spent in building up a big law practice and in gaining a reputation as a finished and able orator. Beginning with the fifty-first Congress he was regularly re-elected until appointed United States Senator in 1900 to succeed the late J. H. Gear. In 1902 he was elected for the six year term. Mr. Dolliver has a national reputation for his original campaign methods. When campaigning for Congress he held his meetings in a large tent and made liberal use of an advance agent and posters in dress-like fashion. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and it is said he caught the idea of his original campaign methods from the camp meetings which he attended in his early days.

RIGHT THERE WITH THE SNOW PLOWS

Street Commissioner Ridge and his force were right there with the snow plows yesterday, the work of clearing the streets and sidewalks going on like clockwork. Streets were visited which hadn't seen a snow plow in the last five years, it is said.

STRIKES AT LORDS

The English Winston Churchill Delivers A Strong Speech

New York, Feb. 5.—A London cable to the Sun says: In a speech at Manchester, yesterday, Winston Churchill, parliamentary secretary of the Colonial office, referred to the coming campaign against the House of Lords. He said that society was vitiated by many features of wasteful folly and unfairness, none of which was more obvious than the twin evils connected with the House of Lords and the land.

The peers, he said, had deliberately provoked a constitutional struggle, and the House of Commons, in the heyday of strength and youth, would take up the challenge unhesitatingly. Parliament was encountering war conditions. It was the business of the Liberal elements to come to an understanding immediately with those lordly persons and to show without delay that it was the House of Commons and not the House of Lords that would be master.

The end of the conflict must be a general election, but there were many things to do first. They had to pass a couple of good radical budgets—this shows that the government, if Mr. Churchill was its authorized mouthpiece, does not intend to force the final issue before April, 1908. They had to educate the people upon the issues and bring all progressive forces into line against the common enemy. The election would come soon enough for everybody. The battle must first be fought out in Parliament.

At the close of the speech a group of suffragettes started their familiar declamation. Mr. Churchill, interposing, said frankly that he would not support a bill enfranchising women on the same terms as men. He added that he greatly regretted to see earnest, good hearted women pursuing a course which brought upon them suffering and humiliation, but God forbid that he should mock them.

The women began speaking again, whereupon the stewards and others ejected them, causing an uproar. They were roughly handled in the street and took refuge in a police station, where one of them, weeping, complained that she had been kicked in the eye.

BOOKS AND THEIR WRITERS

From the Publishers

The announcement is made by Doubleday, Page and Company that they will bring out Thomas W. Lawson's novel, "Friday the 13th," on Feb. 26. The publication of the book will doubtless be an event of unique interest. It is a powerful story of Wall Street, with few characters, but they move and live vividly in the pages. Mr. Lawson, with his intimate experience and his picturesque and vivid style, has created a story, that in bigness of appeal and vitality of human interest, might be called an "epic of the market." "Friday the 13th," by an interesting coincidence, will be published on the first anniversary of the publication of "The Jungle."

Comdr. Peary's complete story of his great Arctic expedition which made a new world's record and claimed the Stars and Stripes "farthest north," will be published by Doubleday, Page and Company in March under the title of "Nearest the Pole." On this trip Peary did for the American segment of the Polar Basin what Nansen did for the Asiatic. The narrative is exceedingly dramatic. The explorer tells how he built the Roosevelt on an entirely different plan from any other Arctic ship, and not only adapted Eskimo clothing and made caps like Eskimos in ice and snow, but took Eskimos along as guides. His discoveries are of marked importance, and will add greatly to geographic knowledge. There will be an introduction by President Roosevelt. "Nearest the Pole" will be adequately illustrated from the collection of 120 photographs taken by Comdr. Peary.

Upton Sinclair is just completing the first long work that he has undertaken since "The Jungle." It is a book of perhaps 50,000 words, and will be called, "The Industrial Republic." Doubleday, Page and Company will bring it out in the Spring. It is a fact book, and, in a sense, outlines an idea of a real democracy of industrialism, but makes a very striking contrast of conditions as they were revealed in "The Jungle," and as they ought to be in the ideal commonwealth. It is the story of an industrial Utopia.

MAINE HIGHWAY BILL

Is Being Met With Some Strenuous Opposition

Attention is being made to the highway bill introduced in the Maine House by Representative Knowlton, at the request of Highway Commissioner Sar-

gent. It is claimed the financial arrangements throw too much of the burden on twenty-four cities and large towns.

Portland, for instance, which receives \$10,274 aid from the state, would have to contribute an annual amount of \$54,798 for highways built outside of its borders.

Lewiston, which receives \$33,648 in state aid, would be compelled to pay \$14,595 toward the highway tax. The argument is made that the poorer people of the larger towns would be compelled to build roads for the richer citizens of the small towns.

Another feature to which objection is made is that wherever over \$1000 is to be expended in one town on highways, the work shall be let to the lowest bidder.

It is asserted that no town employing local labor would be able to compete with contractors who hire Italians, and that it would be objectionable to turn over the state road building to foreign contractors.

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WANTED—By a young lady, a place as bookkeeper, with good references. Inquire at Chronicle office. chf1-1w

WANTED—Salesmen to sell high grade shears. Address B, care of this office. chf1-1w

FOR SALE—A dozen second hand doors. Inquire at this office. chf15tf

FOR SALE—Beach lot at Wallis Sands, fronting on beach. Address B. F. D., this office. chf18tf

FOR SALE—Quantity of iron grating such as is used in banks. Inquire at this office. chf15tf

FOR SALE—Large bank desk, formerly used at Portsmouth Savings Bank. Inquire at this office. chf15tf

PLACARDS—For Sale, To Let, Furnished Rooms, etc., can be had at the Chronicle office.

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Tonight at Music Hall

That A. H. Woods is not afraid to spend money is proven by the magnitude of his new production, "Bertha the Sewing Machine Girl," which will be at Music Hall this evening. This play is given in four acts and twelve scenes, each of the latter being a masterpiece of modern scenic art. The place where the story is laid is New York; the time the present day. Among the stage pictures presented are the Grand Central station, Central Park, the tenement quarter, the "sweat shop," the Egyptian room, the motor boat chase on the Hudson, the engine house of company No. 12, the burning tenement house, the Bertillon room in the Tombs prison and the criminal court. "Bertha, the Sewing Machine Girl" will be played by a splendid cast of competent performers.

Requires No Introduction

Miss Mary Shaw requires no introduction, as she has already won the esteem and admiration of the people of this continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific and is acknowledged to be one of the greatest interpreters of the better class of drama on the American stage. She brings with her to this city an exceptionally strong

at Keith's for one week only. This will be his farewell engagement in Boston for a period of at least two years, as he goes abroad in June for a long engagement. A program that will consist almost wholly of sensational stunts will be presented, Houdini having already accepted enough challenges to enable him to attempt one or more at every performance throughout the week.

The surrounding bill will include Edwin Stevens and company in Mr. Stevens' new sketch which introduces a half dozen characters from Dickens; Wilfred Clarke and company in that fast moving farcelet, "What Will Happen Next?" written by Mr. Clarke himself; the Colonial Seplette, in the most beautiful musical act in vaudeville; George H. Wood, famous as "The Somewhat Different Comedian"; Herbert Holcombe, Sam Curtis and company in their newest musical comedietta, "The Alphabet Class"; the Onlaw Trio, wonderful wire performers; the Frazer Trio, international dancers; Herbert, the Frog Man, a great contortionist; the Sawadas, Japanese acrobats; Conlon and Hastings in a sketch; Tyson and Brown, dancers and roller skaters; and the Kinetograph.

WRECKING CREW AT WORK

The Boston and Maine wrecking

KITTERY LETTER.

(Continued from first page)

Letters are advertised at the Kittery postoffice for Mrs. Florence Prentice and Joseph H. Walker. Master Carl Myers, who is ill at his home on Government street is reported more comfortable.

Miss Pearl Pettigrew has resumed her duties at the Wentworth school, after a week's confinement at her home at North Kittery by an attack of the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. James Plaisted are settled in their new home on Whipple road.

Northwest cautionary signals are displayed.

A regular meeting of Whipple Lodge of Good Templars will be held this evening at Grange Hall.

The meeting of the Ladies' Fancy-work Club, which was to be held on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. E. E. Otis, was postponed on account of the storm.

Expressmen and storekeepers did not attempt to send out teams on Tuesday.

Kittery Point

The officials of the Atlantic Shore line can certainly congratulate themselves on having maintained a much better car service through out the record breaking storm of Tuesday than did their Portsmouth brothers. They deserve much credit for their enterprise.

The mail cars did not get through from York until seven p. m., and so the mails were considerably delayed, but a steady schedule was kept between Sea Point and Portsmouth.

The wrecking gang had its troubles, for one snow plow was derailed, while several cars "burned out" and had to be towed into the barn.

No teams got through here until Tuesday night and the road will have to be broken out in places.

The new Boston knockabout fisherman Pontiac is in port on her second trip. She is the fourth of her class.

A good sized fleet of coasters and fishermen sought shelter from the storm of Tuesday in the harbor. The sea was the heaviest for a long time, Gunboat Shoal breaking constantly at high water.

The meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society is to be held this evening with Mrs. J. C. Hoyt, but bad traveling may interfere with the attendance.

Mrs. Mary Lawrence is much improved from her severe illness.

IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

First of Series of Card Parties to be Held Friday

The first of the series of card parties for the benefit of the Portsmouth Improvement Association will be held on Friday afternoon, beginning at three o'clock in the rooms of the Warwick Club.

Both whist and bridge will be played. These parties give an opportunity for agreeable entertainment and at the same time to aid a most worthy organization. The work of the Improvement Association has done much to preserve and enhance the beauty of Portsmouth and much more will be done when the long desired funds are available.

The Improvement Association whist parties have always been successful, but it is hoped that the series this year will be the most successful ever held.

AN INVESTIGATION

Under the Direction of the Board of Engineers

The recent fire at the store of Louis Gerber is to be investigated this afternoon.

The hearing will take place under the direction of the board of engineers.

The county solicitor, the insurance commissioners and several witnesses, including the men who discovered the fire, the police officer on the Market street beat and people who do business in the vicinity will be heard. The hearing takes place at City Hall in the council chamber, opening at three o'clock.

NOTES BY WIRE FROM THE LABOR WORLD

The International Association of Machinists has \$120,000 in its treasury.

The labor unionists of Tennessee favor legislation which will require the labeling of all prison made goods.

A national union of wire workers is suggested by the Boston local of that craft and it has elected a committee to work to that end.

After discussing the subject at considerable length, the Utah State Federation of Labor decided against entering the field of politics as an organization.

The United Cloth Hat and Cap Makers of America have placed a per-

capita tax of ten cents per year for support of the tuberculosis sanitarium conducted by the state organization at Denver for the benefit of its members.

To discover to the last cent just what it costs a family of five to live in these times of high prices is the chief object of an investigation, plans for which have been announced by the Charity Organization of New York City.

Chicago retail clerks, in a big meeting recently, voted to demand nine hour day, with double pay for overtime. Clerks in the smaller stores say they are working now from seventy to seventy-five hours weekly.

The Boston Young Men's Christian Association is giving a Winter course of talks to shoe workers. The aim is to give to the many shoe operatives in that vicinity a wider and more thorough knowledge of the shoe industry.

MEETING OF CREDITORS

Held in the Office of Attorney Samuel W. Emery, Jr.

A meeting of the creditors of a contractor who has been engaged in logging operations for the Publishers' Paper Company in the northern part of the state was held on Tuesday in the office of Samuel W. Emery, Jr.

A tentative agreement was reached which, it is believed, will be satisfactory to all concerned. It is understood that there are liabilities of about \$30,000 and assets of \$20,000.

Mr. Emery appeared for the contractor, Mr. Smith, and Attorney John W. Kelley for the creditors.

AT THE NAVY YARD

Lieut. Comdr. E. E. Capehart has been discharged from the Naval Hospital here, where he was ordered for treatment and granted a sick leave of two months.

The U. S. S. Newport will go into the dry dock tomorrow for repairs, the painting of her bottom and the overhauling of her sea valves.

After being on the road since Monday, two prisoners arrived here from New York for the U. S. S. Southern today.

James W. Brown, boat builder, and Everett J. Paul, shipfitter in the construction and repair department, have returned from sick furloughs.

Prisoners were in great demand about the yard today (Wednesday) to clear away the large amount of snow that fell on Tuesday.

Daniel Quinn of the steam engineering boiler shop was called to Newfields on Tuesday, where he met several experts, who addressed a gathering on steam generation.

The navy department has ordered that the main and secondary batteries of the U. S. S. Newport be replaced on the ship and turned over with that ship to the Maryland naval militia. This is rather unusual in such cases and has seldom, if ever, been done by the department before. No ammunition goes with the guns.

Rumor has it that Col. Paul St. Clair Murphy, commanding the marine guard here, will soon be transferred to the Boston yard and will be relieved by Maj. Thomas C. Treadwell of the U. S. S. Ohio, new fleet marine officer.

PERSONALS

Sheriff Marcus M. Collis was in Concord on Tuesday.

Miss Ella Spinney of Alston, Mass., is visiting relatives in this city.

Attorney John W. Kelley was on Tuesday a visitor at the state capital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ann Craig of Washburn street are passing the day in Boston.

Sergt. Thomas Flinn of the United States marine corps, who has been enjoying a furlough of a few months in Brooklyn, has returned.

Joseph E. Fennell of this city, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fennell of Rye, who, it was feared, was lost at sea, is now located at Tampa, Fla., where he is engaged in the fruit business.

The marriage recently occurred in Haverhill, Mass., of Dr. William Warren Fernin, formerly of this city, and Miss Elizabeth Nina Nash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Warren Nash of Haverhill.

NO NEW STATE HOUSE

(Special to The Herald)

Concord, Feb. 6.—The bill of Hon. Mr. Baker of Bow providing for a new state house was indefinitely postponed in the House today.

Woman loves a clear, rosy complexion. Burdock Blood Bitters purifies the blood, clears the skin, restores ruddy, sound health.

THE LICENSE LAW.

(Continued from first page.)

as sureties on the bonds of retail dealers. No such persons would be allowed to hold mortgages on or have interest in the business of licensees of the second and fourth classes or to own or lease buildings where such licensees are held. Copartnership wholesale dealers or manufacturers may, however, carry on business in buildings owned or leased by them. Provision is made for notice of five days to sureties of proceedings against licensees and the right to appear at hearings.

Mr. Robinson of Dover thinks that the liability of principal and sureties upon liquor bonds should be limited, the license commission being forbidden to forfeit a bond, trial by jury being guaranteed.

Mr. Barker of Rochester wants special license elections every two years in the cities and every four years in the towns.

Mr. Lucier would forbid the sale, delivery or gift of liquor by licensees of the second class to girls or women.

Mr. Thompson of Pembroke asks that the issuance of false prescriptions and the falsifying of age by a minor be punished. The first offense would entail a fine of \$10 and the second a fine of \$25 and imprisonment for sixty days or both.

Several other amendments to the law are proposed, not quite so revolutionary as those outlined above.

SCHOOL "VISITING DAYS"

Should Prove of Great Benefit in This City

Tomorrow will be "visiting day" at the Whipple School and the teachers hope that a large number of parents and friends of the pupils will respond to the invitations sent out. It is the earnest wish of Supt. Silver to stimulate public interest in the schools and he strongly desires the presence of the older people at the school "at homes."

Pupils of the grammar schools have sent invitations to their parents and adult friends and the acceptance of the invitations would please pupils, as well as the superintendent and the teachers.

The idea of the school visiting day is a most commendable one and friends of the public schools should see that the plan proves as successful and as helpful as Supt. Silver hopes.

MARRIED AT CITY HALL

The marriage of Robert Hughes, a well known brick mason of this city, and Mrs. Agnes Herbert of Portland took place at City Hall on Tuesday. City Messenger Elmer Clark performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes left today (Wednesday) for Portland, where they will hereafter reside.

ICE CUTTERS RETURN FROM THE SHOALS

A crew of fifteen men from this city returned on Tuesday from the fates of Shoals, where they have been engaged in cutting and storing 1,200 tons of ice. The ice measures fourteen inches in thickness and is pronounced a most excellent crop.

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The Household Devil of Sam Louie

By E. SPENCE DE PUB

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In the very heart of San Francisco in a certain breathing place, called Portsmouth square stood little Quong Ling on a summer day.

Across the grass came another figure; a little taller, a little older than Quong Ling, and neither white nor Chinese, but a part of both. When it was directly behind the Chinese boy it shot out its hands and clapped them lightly over the other's eyes, and cried in a merry voice:

"Who?"

"Ming Foo, of course," was the prompt response.

They curled themselves comfortably on the grass, near the edge of the gravel path, content as two young animals.

"Here comes Sam Louie," cried Ming Foo, suddenly; "he's going to stop."

"Ho, little rascal, do you have naught to do but idle?" asked Sam Louie, as he paused a moment.

"Nothing, honorable friend, but to idle and tell stories."

"Well, if that be all, let this add to the pleasure of thy idleness; catch!"

Cutting off a generous piece of sugar-cane from one of the sticks he carried, he tossed it into the air and passed on.

For the time all else was forgotten in the pleasurable crunch of teeth upon the succulent cane. Forgotten till a fat, sleek Chinaman, in American apparel, and another Chinaman, with a great red scar across his cheek, passed by, and a word or so floated to the always wide-open ears of Ming Foo.

"Understand? There ought to be about three thousand dollars, and you must get every cent of it." That was all, and it was enough to arrest a pair of stout young jaws midway in the act of sending a set of white teeth into the juicy wood. Enough to cause Ming Foo to stare wonderingly after the retreating pair, and note that they settled themselves on a bench and that they were joined by a third Chinaman.

In the last arrival Ming Foo recognized a henchman of the Ping Kong tong. His eyes danced joyously, and thrusting his stumpy piece of cane within his blouse, he pulled Quong Ling's ear down close to his lips, whispering something, then scampered off and left the smaller boy wondering and watching the patched trousers as they disappeared around a corner.

Quong Ling's patience had become almost exhausted when one of the three men on the bench wandered off; in another moment the other two parted, going in opposite directions; and as he held his gaze on the empty bench, he saw a battered cap and a close-cropped head rise from the low shrubbery just behind it.

"Oh, Quong Ling, Quong Ling, Quong-a-ling-a-ling," he sang, dancing around on the tips of his toes. "Big, biggest thing ever, eh? We're going to do a big thing to-night. Come along with me and I'll tell you all about it."

Then, with many gesticulations and contented sighs and swellings of the chest, Ming Foo told what he had heard as he lay in the shrubbery. How, on this night, the store of Mow Gum, for whom Sam Louie worked, was to be robbed; that it was to punish the proprietor for daring to cross the hatched man—in daring to refuse to bear false witness in some matter before the police, as well as to gain the money. That there were things and mysteries back of this that it had to do with the tong, and much more. So that in the end, Quong Ling gulped with the mystery and excitement of it, and Ming Foo, striking his robust little chest, fairly danced.

"Ain't it big? Ain't we going to stop it, and we goin' to do more than big, better would?"

When the smaller adventurer asked, "How?" Ming Foo grew in stature as he explained:

"Never mind! You come with me, I'll show you. I'm white!"

Possibly it was owing to that little streak of white in him that the following things happened. He was only 12, but he knew very much, and Quong Ling was his devoted admirer.

There was no place in the quarter of which Ming Foo did not have the run. Every corner felt was to him a home, and a place to lay his head; every workshop was his museum, and the theater was his special place of pilgrimage, so that it was with no difficulty that he picked for himself and follower admission to the place of amusement. He strolled across the stage and to the dressing room behind, and got in people's way, and belied the actors, and finally disappeared in the depths below—and the fact was not even noticed.

Among rows upon rows of masks—white heads, some of them, in fact—racks of swords, miniature pagodas, thrones and ancient armor, they selected and studied, and Ming Foo pulled and heaved the things about until finally he found these articles he should needs not a great deal, a paper mache mask of hideous design and extraordinary proportions and a few yards of yellow silk. Nor was the removal of these things without detection in the smallest degree difficult nor beyond his resources.

The next thing was surreptitiously to possess themselves of a bunk in the rear of Mow Gum's store without the knowledge of Sam Louie. This also was accomplished, though barely before the shutter was put up for the night.

After a long wait, Ming Foo cautiously put aside a corner of the mat and slipped to the floor. Then he drew

Quong Ling down beside him and they listened a moment, reached into the bunk for the package which they had brought from the theater, tiptoed out of the sleeping room and made their way into the store.

"Here, this is it," Ming Foo whispered, selecting a place behind a low pile of boxes. "Now, let's tie this mask to you, and you are not to say a word till I tell you to squeal; then, do it as loud as you can; as loud as you can," he repeated, nervously.

The mask, which was almost three feet in height, had two green horns at its top. To each of the horns Ming Foo tied a little bunch of punks, which he lighted; as the pungent aroma floated through the room and mingled with the vegetable and animal odors, he gave three little perfunctory nods of his head. Next he tied, as best he could in the dark, this high mask to the body of his assistant.

"They both warned to the work and forgot to be afraid. Ming Foo took out a whole bunch of matches, spat upon them, rubbed the heads of matches, spat upon them, rubbed the heads with his fingers, and then transferred the phosphorescence to the face of the mask with quick, uneven little dabs.

Shuffle, shuffle, approaching steps without came to their ears distinctly. In front of the door some one halted, and even to the spot where the trembling boys stood the low whisperings carried.

Rap, bang! The pounding of the door reverberated through the room like a clap of thunder.

"Who's there?" came from the inner room. With a lighted candle in his hand which showed his sleep-swollen face and eyes, Sam Louie came shuffling out.

"Who's there?" he demanded, suspiciously, as he laid a hand upon the bar of the door. Ming Foo could see, for he had climbed up a little way on the boxes for that purpose.

"Mow Gum. Open quickly," came the prompt response, in a low tone.

Sam Louie half turned the bar, but, not all convinced, threw it back into place.

"How am I to know that it is Mow Gum?" he asked.

In answer to this there was a half-impatient oath. "Open, Sam Louie. Am I, Mow Gum, your employer, to be kept in the street and denied admission to my own place?"

FREAK GERMAN STAMPS.

Pair from Valuable New York Collection Being an Extraordinary Price.

A rare pair of German five-penny stamps in the A. H. Scholls collection sold for \$35 at the closing sale on a recent evening, says the New York Times. The stamps, were unused, the blue Reichs Post of 1930, which never were put in circulation. The color of the five penny of this issue is green. Several years ago a customer of a Berlin stamp dealer showed him one of the stamps that was blue. The stamp dealer took it to the post office authorities and asked if they had issued the stamp in that color. They had not. The color was due to a chemical change. To prove this theory a special sheet of 100 five-penny stamps in blue was issued and presented to the Royal Postal museum, which adds to its collection all oddities it can get. The sale of 29 of those stamps through a dealer to collectors raised a storm in the Berlin Stamp society. The government issued an order that no more museum stamps be sold under any condition. Of the 29 blue stamps sold six are in this country.

A used pair of the nine schilling Hamburg issue of 1899 brought \$42; an unused two-cent green Labran, issue of 1870, \$17; an unused one-schilling Bahama, issue of 1862, \$22; and a used four-centimes, Swiss federal, issue of 1840-50, \$51.

WHERE FISH ARE CHEAP.

In Florida and Cuban Markets Fish Varieties Sell at Low Prices.

Commissioner George W. Bowers, of the bureau of fisheries, returned lately from Florida and Cuba, where he went to study the culture of sponges and the marketing of fish in that community, reports the Washington Post.

"I have always held," said Mr. Bowers, "that the old woman who raised chickens and the bureau of fisheries were the greatest benefactors of mankind. As long as chickens and fish are to be had all the brief trusts in the world cannot run the meat market up unreasonably, because the masses of people will then eat chickens and fish."

Mr. Bowers stated that the fish markets of Havana were a model of efficiency and thoroughness. This condition is probably due to the large number of Catholics, who are heavy consumers of fish.

In Florida Mr. Bowers found that fish were generally eaten and were remarkably cheap. The negro fishermen, bringing in shad and other fish from the St. John river and other streams, where they are plentiful, sell them to the dealers at three cents each, and the consumers can procure fish weighing from two to five pounds each for a nickel. This assures the poor people an abundance of cheap food.

DOG THAT WAS A SMUGGLER

Earned for His Master, But Was Discovered and Killed at His Work.

The official organ of the Belgian customs department mentions the death of a notorious smuggler's dog which earned for his master a modest competence. The latter at first made frequent frequent trips with his rough-coated companion across the frontier, until the customs officers had become quite friendly with him. Then his time for action came. He shaved the dog, wound Brussels and Mechlin lace tightly round his body, and put over this skin closely resembling the dog's own. For five years the dog almost daily trotted with a valuable hidden burden of lace across the border into French territory, and probably the brand would still be meritoriously going on had not a "felon" betrayed the secret. The faithful dog came to an untimely end by a revolver bullet. Dogs are often used, it appears, to run with dutiable goods across the Franco-Belgian frontier. This they are taught to do by a course of training which includes sound dressings at regular intervals by men dressed as customs officials, so that the poor animals run away terror-stricken from the sight of a uniform.

Why Mustaches Grow Unevenly.
"I can tell you which side you sleep on," said a barber. "You sleep on the right side."

"That is true," said the patron. "How did you know it?"

"Your mustache told me," the barber answered. "Men's mustaches always tell me which side they sleep on. For the mustache is always shorter, rougher and more uneven on the side that is crushed and crumpled up on the pillow. Your mustache on the left side is long and smooth and tractable. On the right side it is rough, stubborn and a little shorter. So it is easy enough to see you sleep on your right side."

His Motive.
Critic—I have seen many a red cow on green grass, but this is the first time I ever saw a green cow on red grass. Is it an impressionistic departure?

Irish Painter—Not at all; it's a patriotic impulse—I wanted to keep the green above the red.—N. Y. Press.

Brass Buttons.
The rights of the soldier the world over to offer an impressionistic shooting mark at possible have been universally admitted. But the industrial policeman is still hampered by an antiquated tradition in the matter of uniform. He is a military anachronism.

HER THREE SUITORS

By GERALDINE KEMP

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GREAT POSSIBILITIES.

The professor of natural history was dwelling (figuratively speaking, that is) upon the anatomical structure of the cow.

"You are probably aware," he remarked, "that the cow has five stomachs, by means of which—"

But here he was interrupted by a young lady who had evidently not heard this piece of information before.

"Gracious!" she exclaimed in awestruck tones to her neighbor. "Just suppose the poor thing got seasick!"—N. Y. Times.

Taken for Granted.
And it came to pass that silk waists and picture hats were seen in the jury box.

"Excuse me, ma'am," said the strange young man in the courthouse, "but—is this the grand jury?"

"Of course it is the grand jury," replied the stunning blonde who was forelady. "All juries composed of ladies are grand." With an awkward bow the young man excused himself for not knowing better, and vanished.—Chicago Daily News.

Obstacles.
What kept those loving twain from kissing as they sat? The maid exclaimed: "My goodness! But of course it wasn't that."—Puck.

A NATURAL QUERY.

Author—I have here an essay on the decline of the drama.

Editor—How many have you had declined?—Philadelphia Press.

Same Old Plaint.
The melancholy days have come, As they have come of old. When every blessed man you meet Has a sure cure for your cold. —Chicago Daily News.

The Logic of Childhood.
"Mamma, you said the other day that if I ate too much of anything I'd get sick and never want any more."

"Yes, my son; I know I did. Why?"

"Well, I think it would be a splendid idea to begin with candy, ice cream and cream puffs, and keep on till I'd eaten too much of everything, and then I'd live without eating."—Judge.

High Priced.
"Last summer she wore the most costly bathing suit at Newport; it cost \$200."

"Two hundred dollars is not a large price."

"You'd have thought it was if you had seen the smallness of the suit."—Houston Post.

She's a Brunette.
"If your husband should die how long would you wear mourning for him?"

"I don't believe in wearing mourning. It is a senseless custom. I look ten years younger in pink than I do in anything dark."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Unable to Specify.
Ruggles—How are the heating arrangements in your flat?

Ramage—Heating arrangements? There's a mitigating circumstance or two in the basement, I believe, but I don't know of anything as definite as an arrangement.—Chicago Tribune.

It's an Ill Wind, Etc.
Patrick—The paper says sleeve-extendors is going out of fashion. Biddy—O'm' glad at it. Now they'll soon be on the dump-grounds, an' the poor goat will get a square meal.—N. Y. Weekly.

Progressive.
"I hear you've fired your old stenographer?"

"Yep."

"What for?"

"So I could employ a young one."—Houston Post.

Not Hasty in Judgment.
Ponitover—Was that a good chicken I sold you last Saturday?

Customer—I don't know. We couldn't bite far enough into it to catch the flavor.—Judge.

Inheritance.
Mr. Gadd—Does your boy take after you, or his father?

Mrs. Gadd—He takes after his father. You never can believe a word he says.—N. Y. Weekly.

One or T'other.
"He used to want to kiss me every time we met, now he never kisses me."

"Did you marry or quarrel?"—Houston Post.

GREAT POSSIBILITIES.

The professor of natural history was dwelling (figuratively speaking, that is) upon the anatomical structure of the cow.

"You are probably aware," he remarked, "that the cow has five stomachs, by means of which—"

But here he was interrupted by a young lady who had evidently not heard this piece of information before.

"Gracious

